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OUR "FUDGIFY" MAYOR.
"I am not on a fishing excursion," was the snappish answer of Mayor Hewitt to Coroner Larr yesterday when the latter sought to get some information from His Honor as to how human life can be protected in this city. Death is on a fishing excursion, if you are not, Mr. Mayor. He sits at the telegraph poles and uses electric wires for his fishing line. The grim angler leads a human victim nearly every week. And you "have nothing to say" about it.

The World, too, is on "a fishing excursion." It has fished for, found and pointed out hundreds of danger-spots in the death-dealing wires in this town. And yet the official head of the city will neither do anything nor suggest anything to protect human life. The people of New York would better go on "a fishing excursion" for an official who will see that the laws are enforced.

A JUSTIFIABLE STRIKE.
The strike of the Rochester street-car drivers ought to be made a success by the public sentiment of that city. The companies require the men to work twelve hours a day, and frequently to wait two hours more, and do double duty as drivers and conductors, all for the munificent pay of \$2.

The men ask for ten hours' work, and to have conductors take the place of the "bob-tail" system. This is surely not unreasonable. The patrons of the road ought to refuse to ride as their own conductors, and to help the drivers get fair play.

THE MOTORS WILL COME.
If electric motors can be depended on to run street cars economically and safely, as experiments in Richmond and other cities indicate to be the case, their introduction can no more be prevented by a few Aldermen, whether on "a strike" or honestly ignorant, than Dame Partington could sweep back the tide with her broom.

Horse-cars are getting to be almost as primitive as the old stages as means of street transit. They are slow, expensive, hard on the poor horses and hard on the drivers. The Fourth Avenue Company is to persist in its experiment about Fourteenth street. If it "goes," the rest will follow.

Coroner Larr is right, and Mayor Hewitt is wrong, as to the purpose and scope of the inquest into the cause of Lineman Murray's death. If the inquiry were limited simply to ascertaining the cause, one doctor's testimony would be enough. The responsibility for the casualty should be fixed. And something should be done to render other inquests from the same cause less frequent.

The "hand of flame, dropping blood-red color," that appeared in the Northern sky over Ohio last night, will receive many interpretations. Little Breches FORAKER will probably accept it as a sign to him to keep up his wailing of the bloody shirt.

Another indicted man goes out free after an ineffectual prosecution by the District Attorney's office, taking with him a significant admonition from Judge Cowino to "be more careful in future." In other words, not to perjure himself again.

The District Messenger boys who raced around the Park probably did not reflect on what a "give away" the affair was. Boys who can run but don't run (officially) are in danger of being made to run.

ROSCON CONKLENG'S county of Oneida has elected "pronounced BLAINE delegates" to Chicago. In politics, even more than in other walks, men are "soon forgot when they are dead."

It isn't strange that the little St. Joseph girl who was "completely disrobed" by a stroke of lightning while at play on the common, was "badly shocked" by the occurrence.

POOR DOM PEDRO, like FREDERICK, is being kept alive to suffer. This is one penalty of wealth and high station: the doctors keep you such a long time dying.

Said to Have Had Ability Once.
A man about forty-five years old, who was known as Dr. O'Flannery, and who is said to have been a chemist of some ability long ago, was found dead in the lodging-house, 50 East Houston street, this morning. Apparently he had had a hemorrhage and died of it.

Blind the Dog and Brake His Own Neck.
Yesterday May 22—James Burns, of 50 East Houston street, attempted to kick a dog and the dog bit him on the neck and broke his own neck. He is now in a hospital.

TO GARNISH THE TABLE.

Shad roe, 25 cents.
Cucumber, 5 cents.
Strawberry, 10 cents a gallon.
Cabbage, 5 to 10 cents.
Radishes, 5 cents a bunch.
Lemon, 10 cents a dozen.
White fish, 15 cents a pound.
Apples, 10 to 15 cents a dozen.
Spanish mackerel, 40 cents each.
Bermuda onions, 10 cents a quart.
Strawberries, 15 to 25 cents a quart.
California cherries, 50 cents a pound.
South Carolina peaches, 50 cents a box.

TOLD AT HEADQUARTERS.

Inspector Williams sits a horse like a cavalryman. He will form a striking feature of the parade on May 31.
Commissioner French is a red-hot Deputé man. He insists that the Republican National Convention will not force a nomination upon Blaine.
Inspector Conlin is justly proud of the martial appearance of his mounted men. He has drilled the cavalry portion of the force to perfection.
Inspector Byrnes expresses a fear that there may be a dead Inspector on parade day if he is compelled to ride the big bay selected for his special use.
Inspector Stearn's new flat is said to be one of the handsomest in the city, the decorations and ornaments showing excellent taste and rare originality.
Dr. Cyrus Edison has had his favorite yacht remodelled, having added several commodious state-rooms. He proposes to take several pleasure jaunts during the summer.
Supt. Murray has been selected by the Commissioners to present the new Honorable Mention medals to the members of the force who are entitled to wear the decoration.

Postmaster Pearson has transferred the letter-box from a lamp-post to the hallway of Police Headquarters—a change which gives universal satisfaction to the police officials.
Telephones have been placed in the rooms of the Police Commissioner, Superintendent and Inspectors so that they can converse freely with each other or elsewhere, if they desire.
Commissioner McCall will deliver the Memorial address before Reno Post at Newburg on Memorial Day. Roundsmen Montgomery, who was murdered by Patrolman Rourke, was a member of Reno Post. He is buried at Newburg.
Commissioner Voorhis is biding his time on the Hersey system of signalling. He smiles broadly and significantly as he remarks: "The work has not been done yet." It is understood that Commissioner MacLean is not favorable to the Hersey plan.

WORLDLINGS.

The Mormon hierarchy is said to pay Mr. A. M. Gibson a salary of \$10,000 a year to look after the interests of Zion at Washington. He is a square-shouldered, serious-faced gentleman, dignified in manner and reticent in speech, and used to be a newspaper man.

One of the largest plantations in the South is that of Major B. W. Bellamy, in Jefferson County, Fla. It comprises 8,000 acres and nearly all of it is in cultivation. More than 1,500 negroes are employed on the plantation and the Major knows them all by name.

Mr. John Jones, of Fairburn, Ga., has a very wonderful house cat, it is said that it is to be believed. Several weeks ago this cat caught a rat, instead of killing it, began to nurse and care for it, and now gives it as much careful attention as any of his kittens receive.

A St. Louis minister says that the greatest feat of baptism in the history of the Baptist Church in modern times was that performed in July, 1873, by J. C. Clough, a missionary, who, with the assistance of five native preachers, immersed 8,322 converted brethren within six hours.

The skeleton of an Indian who was killed in what is known as the "Kibara fight" of 1750 was recently ploughed up in a field near Walpole, N. H., where the fight took place. It was in this famous encounter that two men, two women and two boys defended themselves for six hours against 400 bloodthirsty savages.

Michael P. Barr was a newboy in Washington not long ago and three years ago he enlisted in the naval service of the United States at seaman's wages—30 cents a day. Last week he was accepted a master sailmaker at \$150 a month, and his first act was to make over to his mother one-half of his pay as fast as it accrued.

A remarkable freak of nature, a mare known as the "Oregon Beauty," was recently on exhibition in Louisville. Her color is sorrel, and that of the mane, tail and forelock a creamy tint. The mane is ten feet in length, the forelock four feet, while the tail sweeps the ground. Although the mare is eight years of age, the mane and tail are of only four years' growth, having grown an average of two feet a year during that time.

One of the most popular ladies in the official society of Washington is Mrs. Anna Ewing Cockrell, the wife of the Senator from Missouri. She comes of distinguished ancestry, and her father was Judge Ephraim Ewing, a Kentuckian who was prominent in the early history of Missouri. Mrs. Cockrell is a lady of tall and graceful figure, with a carriage described as queenly, and is noted for her affable manners and many social gifts.

SEEN IN THE POLITICAL MIRROR.

"Mugwumps," exclaimed a City Hall statesman, "are free-traders in politics."

The Republican "boys" want to know who will put up a boodle if Greenham is nominated for President.

Many of Blaine's friends are of opinion that he cannot now be nominated. His only hope, they say, is a nomination by acclamation or by a stampede. Neither can be secured with John Sherman, Chauncey M. Depew, Gov. Alger, Senator Allison, Senator Harrison, Judge Greenham, Gov. Foraker, Gen. Hawley, William Walter Phelps and other Republican spokesmen in control of delegations and friends who are using Blaine's name as a decoy and who either believe that he is not a candidate, or that if he should be nominated he would be defeated.

"If," said a Republican Mogul at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, "you scratch a Blaine shout in this State you will find a Blaine man. If you scratch a Blaine in Iowa you will find a friend of Allison. And so on in every State that has a favorite son. There are too many favorite sons in the race to make Blaine's nomination a certainty, and his letters and interviews have helped the other candidates. The West is weakening on Blaine, and I believe he is losing strength in New York. The boom for Greenham is worrying the Blaine and Depew people. It may yet be anything but a Greenham."

Mayor Hewitt owns a remarkable umbrella. It looks as if it had once been used as a tent for a Lilliputian state show. His Honor thinks more of that ancient umbrella than he does of the vote Cleveland will get south of Fourteenth street.

"Where are you going?"
"To the Ananias Club."
"To play on the piano?"
"No; but to hear the latest rumors about the Cuban war, the condition of Gen. Spaulding, the abilities of M. J. Fowler as a politician, the tariff question and so on."

"To see young fellows who are members of all political parties and factions joined together in social fraternity, and who do not allow their political preferences to interfere with their personal friendships." THOMAS MORAN.

UNDER FIRE AND WATER.

By FRANCIS J. KELLY,

Chief of Eleventh Battalion, F. D. N. Y.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.]



O one who did not reflect, and who had never been to a fire, it would probably seem odd to see a fireman put on a rubber coat and rubber breeches. To prepare oneself against an attack from water when going to battle with fire may look like the wrong sort of caution. This would only seem so to one who knew nothing about fires. Any one who has witnessed one knows that a fireman would be drenched if he were not protected by something of this kind. The water splashing down the front of a building like a cascade, and the steam thrown up, scattering as it strikes the edge of a window, or when a pipe breaks and a big stream goes driving against you, show the need of rubber apparel.

Sometimes, too, the fireman profits by a douche of water when he has to expose himself to an intense heat inside a burning building. The recollection of an occasion like this has suggested the above reflections. A fire had broken out in a large double flat on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, near Sixth avenue.

When we got to the scene of the fire, Engine Company 37 had a line up the stairway, so we could not get up. Shortly after arriving some one told me there was a young boy on the upper floor of the house. The fire had broken out in the rear on the fourth floor and had cut off the escape of those above.

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QUEER RIFLE TARGETS.

Prize Automaton that Starts Into Life at the Touch of the Bullet.

Years ago when a marksman wished to practise shooting at a target he had to satisfy himself with firing at a figure or a row of clay pipes. The owners of galleries have been looking for something new, and little by little they have progressed until now there are a number of novelties in the way of targets.

About two years ago the proprietors of many of the city shooting-galleries placed in their establishments what are known as "dancing balls." A small glass ball is made to dance by a tiny stream of water thrown up with such force as to keep it in the air. Then a miniature gallery on the lower bowery, in which he put up a number of iron figures which, when the target was struck, would perform all sorts of acts. One of the figures showed a terrified hunter with a uplifted knife standing in front of a big black bear. When the "bull's-eye" was hit, the hunter would immediately plunge his knife into the bear's breast.

Another figure showed "one of the finest" with a small boy in his clutches. When a piece of lead hit the target attached to him he would club the small boy most unmercifully.

There was another figure that was quite unique in its way. It consisted of a miniature engine with a number of cars attached. This train would run across the gallery in such a way as to make the spectators believe that it was a real train. When the target was struck, the train would stop and the cars would be thrown up in the air.

During the past week an enterprising genius has opened a gallery in a prominent east side thoroughfare. He has outdone his neighbors by placing in his establishment what he advertises as the only two five hundred dollar prize automaton.

The automaton stand in the rear of the store, about seven feet from the floor. One shows a small drop curtain on which is painted a picture of a flowing river. The target attached to this automaton stands about three feet from the floor. When it is struck by a pellet of lead, the curtain rolls up to the top of the stand, and the picture of the river is revealed. When the target is struck, the picture is revealed.

The other automaton is also in remembrance of Washington. The tomb at Mount Vernon is shown. Outside the gates two martial-looking guards stand and the ringing of bells, and there is presented to view the historic scene of "Washington Crossing the Delaware." The boat in which he and his party are shown both up and down over the waves in a very realistic way.

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WOBBLES GAVE THE WORD.

AND FIFTEEN DISTRICT MESSENGERS RACED AROUND THE PARK.

The Prize Was a Silver Cup Offered by Messenger 1,878, Alias The Count—Farrell Went in Time Which Will Surprise People Who Have Seen Messengers on Errands—More Matches Talked Of.

Ever since the match at the Madison Square Garden, when Albert broke the world's record, a spirit of rivalry has existed between the American District Telegraph boys stationed at 8 West Twenty-third street, known as District 31. This spirit grew to fever heat. Bursts of speed between the boys when answering calls caused people on the streets to pause and stare with amazement to see messenger boys not only hurrying along, but actually running.

In such contests, the district being limited, the sprinters of the office always won. This led to dissatisfaction among the lesser lights, who claimed that the sprinters would stand no chance with them in a race of a mile or more.

Such talk as this resulted in one of the more enterprising boys, named Moore, better known as Wobbles, arranging a match race open to all the district boys in the city, the distance to be once around Central Park, or about five and a half or six miles, for a prize valued at \$3 to the winner, the second boy to receive a prize valued at \$1.50; the entrance fee to be 25 cents.

Such a scrap of odd pennies never before was seen; it beat the old time hustling of the country boy to see his first circus. The match was run off last March, just before the blizzard, and resulted in a victory for Messenger O'Leary, No. 1,578, with Messenger Kennedy, alias "The Duke," No. 783, a good second, both of District 31.

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WATCHFUL OF ITS INTERESTS.

The Miscellaneous Section at Work for Its Members' Benefit.

A delegate of the Executive Labor Club called the Miscellaneous Section to order at its meeting last night.

Delegates were admitted from the International Boatmen's Union, Rammern's Association and United Umbrella and Walking-Stick Makers' Unions.

The case of Musician Mollenhauer was reported on favorably and, after a discussion, Mr. Mollenhauer was reinstated in Progressive Musical Union No. 1.

A report was made that sixty members of the Executive Labor Club had lost their status in Duke & Sons' cigarette manufactory because of the introduction of machinery, and that they are now employed at starvation wages elsewhere.

The case of Henry Mannes, for not closing his store early in the evening, was referred to a special committee.

A resolution was passed asking Gov. Hill not to permit himself to be influenced by politicians in the matter of signing the Ballot-Reform bill, which gives the workmen protection at the elections. All labor organizations are called upon to take similar action.

All the organizations represented in the section were requested to attend the meeting at Cooper Union Hall to-night, and give the largest non-munition financial and moral support.

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